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BEFORE THE

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Wisconsin Power and Light Company, as a
Gas Public Utility, for Authority to Construct Facilities and
Provide Natural Gas Service in Portions of the Town of
Elk Grove, Lafayette County, Wisconsin

6680-CG-142

**NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION
AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS**

Wisconsin Power and Light Company (WP&L), as a gas public utility, filed an application with the Commission on August 10, 1998, for authority under s. 196.49, Stats., and Chapter PSC 133, Wis. Adm. Code, to construct facilities and provide natural gas service in sections 19 through 30, T.3N., R.1E., in the Town of Elk Grove, Lafayette County, Wisconsin.

WP&L is a gas public utility, as defined in s. 196.01(5), Stats., providing natural gas service in the City of Platteville, Grant County, and the Village and Town of Belmont, Lafayette County, Wisconsin, which are in close proximity to the proposed extension.

Commission order 6650-CG-8, dated October 2, 1980, authorized Wisconsin Gas Company (WGC), as a gas public utility, to construct facilities and provide natural gas service in the Town of Elk Grove, Lafayette County, Wisconsin.

Therefore, the Commission will consider WP&L's request for authorization to construct facilities and provide natural gas service in portions of the Town of Elk Grove, Lafayette County, under ss. 196.49 and 196.50, Stats., and Chapter PSC 133, Wis. Adm. Code.

WP&L and WGC entered into a territorial agreement dated August 6, 1998, establishing respective natural gas service areas in the Town of Elk Grove, Lafayette County, Wisconsin. A copy of the territorial agreement was filed with the Commission.

The August 6, 1998, territorial agreement provides that WP&L shall have as its exclusive service area and shall provide natural gas service in sections 19 through 30, T.3N., R.1E., of the Town of Elk Grove, Lafayette County, Wisconsin. WGC shall have as its exclusive area and shall provide natural gas service in sections 1 through 18, T.2N., R.1E., and sections 31 through 36, T.3N., R.1E., of the Town of Elk Grove, Lafayette County, Wisconsin.

WP&L proposes to construct from its existing 4-inch steel main at the intersection of USH 151 and CTH X in the Town of Belmont, Lafayette County, approximately 240 feet of 2-

inch steel 300 psig MAOP steel gas main south along the west side of CTH X. At this point a pressure regulation station will be installed to reduce the gas pressure to 60 psig MAOP. WP&L proposes to run approximately 3870 feet of 4-inch plastic 60 psig MAOP gas main south along CTH X to the intersection of Sales Barn Road. From the intersection of CTH X and Sales Barn Road, WP&L proposes to install approximately 1290 feet of 2-inch plastic 60 psig MAOP main south along Sales Barn Road to serve a grain dryer and one residential customer.

WP&L states that the cost of the project is estimated to be \$39,500.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission will investigate the application without hearing unless an interested party requests a hearing within 10 working days of the date this notice is mailed.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Commission considers it necessary in order to carry out its duties to investigate the books, accounts, practices and activities of Wisconsin Power and Light Company, as a gas public utility. The expenses incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to the investigation will be assessed against and collected from Wisconsin Power and Light Company as a gas public utility, under s. 196.85, Stats., and Chapter PSC 5, Wis. Adm. Code.

This is a Type III action under s. PSC 4.10(3), Wis. Adm. Code. No unusual circumstances suggesting the likelihood of significant environmental consequences have come to the Commission's attention. Neither an environmental impact statement under s. 196.85, Stats., nor an environmental assessment is required.

If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact Jeff Murley, Natural Gas Division at (608) 267-1207.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

For the Commission:

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